

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 6 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The reamer arm 8 is shown in more detail in FIG. 2, indicating a plurality of rock cutters 10 and a protection member 12 provided at a radially outer surface 14 of the reamer arm 8. The protection member 12 protrudes radially beyond the rock cutters 10, that is to say the protection member 12 is over-gauged relative to the nominal drilling diameter of the drill bit 1. The protection member 12 preferably has a blunt shape, for example a rounded shape or a flat shape with a chamfer. Thus the protection member 12 provides a standoff for the rock cutters 10 relative to the inner surface of the casing and thereby prevents the rock cutters 10-3 from damaging the casing inner surface

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Instead of applying a protection member adapted to wear away during drilling into the rock formation, a protection member can be applied which is radially retractable relative to the reamer arm 8 or relative to the rock cutters 10-3.